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## MAY REVIEW

May began with ideal conditions for fieldwork. Some unusually hot weather had farmers concerned about crop damage, but rains at the end of the month were very helpful. Winter wheat, spring wheat, and barley were in good condition overall. Farmers finished planting spring wheat, barley, green peas, and dry peas and continued planting potatoes, corn, and dry beans. Fruit continued to blossom, and rain damage to the first cutting of hay was reported across the state. Good quality hay continued to be in short supply. Pastures were in good condition, and livestock were turned out to spring pastures.

## FRUIT PRODUCTION

The 2006 sweet cherry production for California, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 245,000 tons, up 12 percent from 2005 but 2 percent below 2004. Washington's 2006 production is forecast at 150,000 tons, up 9 percent from last year. Washington's cherry crop experienced a relatively mild winter in the Yakima area with some spring frost damage in the Wenatchee area. Crop development is several days behind last year. Quality and sizing are expected to be very good. The California crop, at 45,000 tons, is down 15 percent from 2005 and 38 percent below 2004. Excessive rain during bloom resulted in poor pollination. This, combined with a lack of chilling hours and an extreme freeze in February, created undesirable conditions for fruit set. Harvest is expected to peak during the first 2 weeks of June. Oregon production is forecasted to be 50,000 tons, up 79 percent from last year's small crop. Growing conditions overall have been favorable.

Production of Bartlett Pears in California, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 440,000 tons, up 12 percent from last year but 4 percent below 2004. Washington's Bartlett crop is forecast at 185,000 tons, up 9 percent from 2005 and 8 percent above 2 years ago. Most growers report good growing conditions and have a favorable outlook on this season's crop. A good snow pack is expected to provide adequate irrigation water throughout the growing season. Scattered hail caused some crop damage but does not appear to be widespread. Oregon growers expect to harvest 60,000 tons, up 3 percent from last year but 5 percent below the 2004 Bartlett crop. Overall growing conditions have been favorable for pear production. The bloom stage progressed with few reported problems. Bartlett pears grown along the Oregon/Washington border and those grown in southern Oregon are doing better than they have in years. However, this season's precipitation is about 150 percent of normal, which has caused some disease problems, as orchardists have had difficulty applying fungicides.

## FRUIT PRODUCTION, JUNE 1, 2006

Crop & Year	Total Production		
	2004	2005	Indicated 2006
<b>SWEET CHERRIES 1/:</b>		<b>Tons</b>	
California	73,000	52,700	45,000
Oregon	43,000	28,000	50,000
<b>Washington</b>	<b>134,000</b>	<b>138,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>218,700</b>	<b>245,000</b>
<b>BARTLETT PEARS:</b>			
California	223,000	164,000	195,000
Oregon	63,000	58,000	60,000
<b>Washington</b>	<b>171,000</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>457,000</b>	<b>392,000</b>	<b>440,000</b>
<b>APRICOTS:</b>			
California	94,000	75,500	37,000
<b>PRUNES (Dried):</b>			
California	49,000	90,000	145,000
<b>PEACHES:</b>		<b>Tons</b>	
California:			
All	975,000	869,000	760,000
Clingstone 2/	539,000	484,000	380,000
Freestone	436,000	385,000	380,000
Georgia	52,500	40,000	50,000
South Carolina	70,000	75,000	60,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,097,500</b>	<b>984,000</b>	<b>870,000</b>

1/ The first production forecast for sweet cherries in ID, MI, NY, and UT and tart cherries in MI, NY, OR, PA, UT, WA, and WI will be published in the "Cherry Production" release on June 22, 2006. 2/ California Clingstone peaches is over-the-scale tonnage and includes culls and cannery diversions.

# HOP VARIETIES

Area strung for harvest in 2006 for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho is forecast at 28,928 acres, 2 percent less than the revised 2005 crop of 29,463 acres, but 4 percent more than the 2004 crop of 27,742 acres. Washington, with 21,115 acres for harvest, strung 102 acres more than last year's revised acreage. Washington accounts for 73 percent of the U.S. total acreage. Oregon hop growers plan to string 5,036 acres or 17 percent of the U.S. total for 2006, with Idaho hop growers accounting for the remaining 10 percent, or 2,777 acres strung for harvest. Oregon and Idaho growers decreased their hop acreage from last year by 2 percent and 16 percent, respectively, while Washington acreage increased by less than 1 percent. Aroma hops are mostly halfway to the wire, while alphas are one quarter to one third to the wire. Water supplies are expected to be adequate this season, as precipitation was good this winter and spring. Disease concerns are mostly average this year. Mildew presence is normal. Wide temperature swings this spring have brought on some virus development, but no real impact is expected as temperatures are leveling out.

Hops: Area Harvested by Variety, State, and United States,  
2004-2005 and Forecasted June 1, 2006

State and Variety	:	Area Harvested		:Strung for Harvest
	:	2004	: 2005 1/	: 2006
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	:	Acres		
ID	:			
Total 2/	:	3,253	3,287	2,777
OR	:			
Cascade	:	91	62	-
Glacier	:	243	231	*
Golding	:	105	105	117
Millenium	:	264	295	258
Mt. Hood	:	215	219	113
Nugget	:	1,286	1,363	1,500
Perle	:	259	-	-
Sterling	:	222	276	109
Willamette	:	2,175	2,273	2,301
Other Varieties	:	247	339	638
Total	:	5,107	5,163	5,036
WA	:			
Ahtanum	:	-	50	55
Cascade	:	1,422	1,168	1,116
Centennial	:	-	112	-
Chelan	:	201	212	505
Chinook	:	492	489	382
Cluster	:	449	463	352
Columbus/Tomahawk®	:	3,029	2,812	2,505
Galena	:	3,417	3,869	3,859
Glacier	:	-	48	17
Golding	:	36	37	53
Hallertauer	:	46	48	49
Millenium	:	1,124	1,115	910
Mt. Hood	:	39	51	44
Northern Brewer	:	65	-	-
Nugget	:	807	1,062	1,100
Perle	:	47	-	-
Sterling	:	-	93	75
Summit®	:	-	-	66
Willamette	:	3,542	4,102	4,400
YCR 4 (Palisade®)	:	-	54	54
YCR 5 (Warrior®)	:	793	584	414
Zeus	:	2,903	3,736	4,009
Other Varieties	:	970	908	1,150
Total	:	19,382	21,013	21,115
US	:	27,742	29,463	28,928

1/ 2005 Revised.

2/ Only State totals will be published for Idaho to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

- Included in Other Varieties to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

\* Zero ® Registered.

# PRICES RECEIVED

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLARS/UNIT)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. May 2006	Entire Month		Prelim. May 2006	U.S. Parity Price
		May 2005	Apr. 2006		May 2005	Apr. 2006		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.63	3.27	3.44	3.31	3.81	4.07	10.40
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.54	3.18	3.38	3.23	3.76	4.10	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.83	3.66	3.67	3.37	3.94	4.10	-
Barley	Bu.	2.21	2.21	1.93	2.46	2.67	2.70	7.25
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.98	2.11	2.17	7.76
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.64	1.75	1.76	4.31
Lentils 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	12.30	9.60	9.45	-
Chickpeas, All 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	17.20	22.50	21.10	-
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	31.10	19.00	22.80	54.80
Dry Edible Peas 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.18	4.85	4.72	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.82
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	5.10	6.40	5.95	6.23	7.97	8.29	16.00
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	5.05	5.50	-	5.68	6.09	-	-
All Hay (baled) 1/	Tons	104.00	118.00	117.00	107.00	106.00	114.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	100.00	115.00	115.00	116.00	110.00	118.00	-
Hay, Other (baled) 1/	Tons	110.00	125.00	125.00	75.40	93.20	96.80	-
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	0.168	0.249	0.239	0.174	0.247	0.238	0.527
Cattle, All Beef	Cwt.	-	-	-	92.10	84.80	81.80	192.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	96.10	89.30	85.80	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	143.00	135.00	132.00	267.00
Milk Cows 3/	Head	-	1,800.00	-	-	1,770.00	-	-
Broilers, Live 4/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.440	0.340	0.340	-
Eggs, Market 1/	Doz.	0.290	0.420	0.320	0.243	0.318	0.231	1.77
Milk, All 5/ 6/	Cwt.		11.90	11.70	14.70	12.10	12.00	38.40
Hogs, All	Cwt.	-	-	-	54.90	41.30	47.20	117.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	43.70	34.90	-	95.40
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	114.00	86.80	-	232.00

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door return for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.

4/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers. Includes growers and contractors.

5/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

6/ May 2006 Fat test percent: all milk 3.63, fluid milk 3.62, mfg grade 3.89.



## WINTER WHEAT: HARVESTED ACREAGE, YIELD, & PRODUCTION

State & Area	Harvested Acres		Yield			Production	
	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	May 2006	Jun 2006	2005	Indicated 2006
	Thousand Acres		Bushels			Thousand Bushels	
Washington	1,800	1,800	67	68	68	120,600	122,400
Oregon	780	760	61	55	55	47,580	41,800
Idaho	730	710	91	90	86	66,430	61,060
Pacific NW 1/	3,310	3,270	70.9	69.7	68.9	234,610	225,260
<b>U. S. Total</b>	<b>33,794</b>	<b>31,177</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>1,499,129</b>	<b>1,263,766</b>

1/ Washington, Idaho, and Oregon.

## Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2001-2005 1/

Year	Winter					Spring 2/					Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White 3/	Soft White 3/	All White	Hard Red	Hard White 3/	Soft White 3/	All White	Durum	
2004	856,211	380,305			262,918	525,467			43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	929,820	309,021	25,279	235,009	260,288	466,587	4,530	33,339	37,869	101,105	2,104,690
<b>2006</b>	658,551	357,342	19,734	228,139	247,873						

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data.

2/ Spring production by class and total production will be published in "Crop Production" released July 12, 2006.

3/ Individual Hard White and Soft White estimates not available prior to 2005.

